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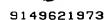
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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated July 30, 2002 for the above-identified patent application. In response to the Office Action, Applicants submit the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2.

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